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GENEVA FOR AMB. VANCE, USDEL CND

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, NL, UN

SUBJ: DUTCH OBSERVER DEL TO CND MEETING FEB 18-MARCH 1

REF: STATE 24898

BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

1. NETHERLANDS, WHICH IS NOT CURRENTLY MEMBER OF CND, WILL SEND OBSERVER DELEGATION TO SUBJECT CND SESSION. DURING FIRST WEEK OF SESSION, OBSERVER WILL BE DR. W.N. SAMSOM, ASSISTED BY C.W.D. VAN GRUTING. ROBERT J. SAMSOM WILL BE DUTCH OBSERVER DURING SECOND WEEK. ALL ARE WITH MIN HEALTH (BIOS PARAS 2 THRU 4 BELOW). MFA AND MIN JUSTICE NOT YET DECIDED ON WHETHER TO INCLUDE OFFICIAL FROM EITHER OF THESE MINISTRIES IN DUTCH OBSERVER DEL. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL

2. W.N. SAMSOM HAS SERVED IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH FOR MANY YEARS, WHERE HE HEADED SECTION ON DANGEROUS DRUGS. NOW 71, HE HAS BEEN IN SEMI-RETIREMENT FOR LAST THREE OR FOUR YEARS, SERVING IN ADVISORY CAPACITY IN INSPECTORATE OF MEDICINES. HE HAS ATTENDED NUMEROUS SESSIONS OF CND. DR. SAMSOM HOPES TO LEAVE HEALTH MINISTRY ENTIRELY IN A FEW MONTHS AND DOES NOT PLAN  
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TO ATTEND SUBSEQUENT CND SESSIONS.

3. C.W.D. VAN GRUTING, AGE ABOUT 30, IS HEAD OF HEALTH MINISTRY'S SECTION ON DANGEROUS DRUGS AND, AS SUCH, IS W.N.SAMOM'S SUCCESSOR. HE IS STILL "IN TRAINING" AT PRESENT POST (HE JOINED HEALTH MIN ONLY 6 MONTHS AGO) HIS FIRST PROFESSIONAL JOB AFTER LEAVING MILITARY SERVICE AND EARNING DEGREE IN PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTRY FROM UNIVERSITY OF UTRECHT. HE IS LEARNING THE ROPES FROM W.N.SAMSOM, WHO WILL ALSO BREAK HIM IN ON CND ACTIVITIES AT FORTHCOMING SESSION, WHICH WILL BE VAN GRUTING'S FIRST. VAN GRUTING'S SPOKEN ENGLISH IS AT PRESENT SOMEWHAT HESITANT, ALTHOUGH HIS AURAL COMPREHENSION SEEMS RATHER GOOD. ALTHOUGH HE IS STILL A MOSTLY UNKNOWN QUANTITY TO EMBASSY, HE SEEMS PLEASANT AND READILY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT MAY BE YET ANOTHER COUPLE OF YEARS BEFORE HE FEELS CONFIDENT IN HIS GRASP OF THE SUBJECT MATTER UNDER HIS RESPONSIBILITY. WHILE VAN GRUTING IS STILL NOT A FACTOR IN GON POLICY FORMULATION, EMBASSY BELIEVES USDEL EFFORTS TO CULTIVATE HIM MAY PAY OUT FUTURE DIVIDENDS.

4. ROBERT J. SAMSOM IS DEPUTY HEAD OF INSPECTORATE OF MEDICINES AND KNOWLEDGEABLE FIGURE ON NARCOTICS QUESTIONS. HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN PREVIOUS CND SESSIONS AND IS KNOWN TO OFFICIALS OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMUNITY SUCH AS UN DIVISION AND INCB. HE VISITED US IN SUMMER OF 72 UNDER INTERVISOR PROGRAM WHERE HE MET WITH OFFICIALS AT STATE\*, SAODAC, NIMH, ETC. IN HIS LATE 30'S OR EARLY 40'S, HE IS OPEN, ARTICULATE AND WELL DISPOSED TOWARD US. HE IS ACTIVE, IS GENUINELY CONCERNED ABOUT EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF ILLICIT INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC, AND AS SUCH GENERALLY INCLINED TO SUPPORT US EFFORTS IN THIS FIELD. HE IS THE SON OF W.N. SAMSOM (BUT OUTRANKS HIS FATHER AT HEALTH MINISTRY).  
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